

Photo caption: Shown left to right: Fort Meade Garrison Commander Col. Edward Rothstein, Mark Byrd, Interfaith Coordinator for the Maryland Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, Garrison Chaplain Commander Col. Carl Rau, and, in front, Jalen Byrd who came to assist his father, Mark.

Recently, the Maryland Food Bank received a check for more than \$14,000 from the Fort Meade Religious Support Office. The check was a result of collections from eight Fort Meade Chapel Services held on the Day of Service, Sunday, September 30.

The collections were part of a regional interfaith day of service led in Maryland by Governor Martin O'Malley. Maryland activities benefited the Maryland Food Bank and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as part of Governor O'Malley's strategic goals to eradicate childhood hunger by 2015 and to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay by 2025.

The Saturday preceding the Day of Service featured Gov. O'Malley joining thirty school and faith-based organizational volunteers in sorting food at the Maryland Food Bank. This work is critical to making donated food available to those in need. The Maryland Food Bank benefited in many other ways, including a tractor trailer full of food that was donated by the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

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